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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. AS BUD MCFARLANE HAS ALREADY REPORTED, DINITZ HAS HAD A QUERY FROM JERUSALEM ABOUT HIS ESTIMATE OF WHEN YOU WILL WANT TO DEBRIEF ON THE MEETING WITH SADAT. SIMCHA FIRST CALLED ME ABOUT THAT YESTERDAY; HE HAS CALLED AGAIN TODAY. HE PASSED ON THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS THIS MORNING:

(A) DINITZ LEAVES AT NOON ON FRIDAY FOR CINCINNATI. HE WILL RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE AND RETURN AT ABOUT FIVE P.M. SATURDAY EVENING. IT IS A COMMITMENT HE CANNOT BREAK.

(B) DINITZ ALSO PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK THURSDAY EVENING FOR AN ISRAELI BOND DRIVE. HE COULD BREAK THAT APPOINTMENT BUT WOULD NEED AS MUCH ADVANCE WARNING AS POSSIBLE TO DO SO.

(C) RABIN HAS INDICATED TO DINITZ THAT HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL
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FOR ANY MESSAGE FROM YOU AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT HE

CAN WEIGH THE PROS AND CONS OF A SUNDAY MORNING CABINET MEETING TO DISCUSS YOUR REPORT. DINITZ THEREFORE ARGUED THAT, GIVEN HIS ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON FROM FRIDAY NOON

TO SATURDAY EVENING, HE WAS HOPEFUL HE COULD SEE YOU BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, SINCE SENDING A REPORT LATE SATURDAY EVENING (ASSUMING YOU WERE PREPARED TO SEE HIM AFTER HIS RETURN FROM CINCINNATI) WOULD GIVE RABIN LITTLE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY CABINET MEETING.

I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT I HAVE IN NO WAY ENCOURAGED SIMCHA TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE AT ALL ANXIOUS TO DEBRIEF; I HAVE SIMPLY PROMISED TO PASS HIS MESSAGE TO YOU WHICH I AM NOW DOING. DO YOU WANT US TO SCHEDULE ANYTHING WITH DINITZ OR DO YOU WANT THAT HELD UNTIL YOU RETURN?

2. JERRY IS MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR YOU AT THE HOTEL PIERRE FOR YOUR STAY IN NEW YORK ON THE 14TH AND 15TH. GUIDO GOLDMAN TELLS ME THAT HE HAS ARRANGED TO HAVE THE BRUNCH HELD AT EDGAR BRONFMAN'S HOME. IT IS ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE HOTEL PIERRE.

3. MCCLOSKEY HAS SEEN SOME REPORT THAT BILL MACOMBER WILL BE COMING HOME WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO ASSIST IN THE EFFORT TO GET THE CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE HE FEELS THAT MACOMBER'S EFFORTS LAST TIME WERE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, PARTICULARLY ON THE HOUSE SIDE. HE TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE WAS WORRIED THAT USING MACOMBER IN THIS EFFORT AGAIN WOULD SIMPLY EMPHASIZE TO THE HILL OUR CONCERN FOR TURKISH INTERESTS RATHER THAN US INTERESTS.

WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME AMOUR PROPRE INVOLVED HERE, I, TOO, AM OF THE VIEW THAT BILL'S EFFORTS LAST TIME WERE NOT AS HELPFUL AS THEY MAY HAVE SEEMED ON THE SURFACE. PERHAPS WE COULD TALK ABOUT THIS AFTER YOU RETURN.

4. BERNIE GWERTZMAN JUST CALLED AND IN THE COURSE OF HIS CONVERSATION SAID THAT SAFIRE TOLD HIM THAT HIS (SAFIRE'S) SECRET

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ARTICLE TODAY WAS THE PRODUCT OF A LONG CONVERSATION WITH "SIMON AND OTHERS."

5. SPEAKING OF GWERTZMAN, THE PURPOSE OF HIS CALL WAS TO ASK ABOUT, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WALLEYE BOMBS. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAS FROM US REPEAT US SOURCES THAT SOME WALLEYE BOMBS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE SHIPPED TO ISRAEL BUT THAT YOU PUT A HOLD ON THE SHIPMENT UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S

RETURN. GWERTZMAN SAID THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT THE SUBJECT BUT THAT HE IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT HIS US SOURCE KNOWS WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. I PLED IGNORANCE. THE STORY IS LIKELY TO COME OUT TOMORROW OR THE NEXT DAY UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I AM AT

A LOSS TO KNOW HOW TO STOP IT. THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK OF IS FOR ME TO CALL GWERTZMAN BACK AND SAY THAT A SHIPMENT OF WALLEYE BOMBS WAS INDEED PLANNED FOR SEA TRANSFER TO ISRAEL AND THAT WHEN THE ISRAELIS APPEALED FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSPORT THEM BY AIR, WE SAW NO REASON TO ADJUST THE SHIPMENT SCHEDULE OR MEANS AND THEREFORE STAYED WITH OUR DECISION TO SHIP THEM BY SEA.

I AM NOW DOING MY BEST TO FIND OUT WHETHER IT WAS THE PENTAGON OR STATE THAT LEAKED THE REPORT BUT HAVE LITTLE HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO PIN THE SOURCE DOWN. INDEED THE LEAKS FROM THIS TOWN OF LATE MAKE ME FEEL LIKE THE LITTLE DUTCH BOY WITH HIS FINGER IN THE DIKE. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS I ONLY HAVE TEN FINGERS.

DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL GWERTZMAN ANYTHING? INGERSOLL

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